

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1. A method of forming a metal-insulator-metal type capacitor structure in an integrated circuit memory device, comprising:
5 crystallizing an HfO_2 dielectric layer on a lower electrode of a capacitor structure in a low temperature plasma treatment at a temperature in a range between about 250 degrees Centigrade and about 450 degrees Centigrade; and forming an upper electrode on the HfO_2 dielectric layer.
- 10 2. A method according to Claim 1 wherein crystallizing an HfO_2 dielectric layer further comprises:
crystallizing the HfO_2 dielectric layer in a range between about 350 degrees Centigrade and about 450 degrees Centigrade.
- 15 3. A method according to Claim 1 wherein forming an upper electrode comprises forming the upper electrode using a metal source containing halogen or an organometallic compound, or a combination thereof.
- 20 4. A method according to Claim 3 wherein forming the upper electrode using a metal source further comprises forming the upper electrode using a metal source containing Cl.
- 25 5. A method according to Claim 1 wherein crystallizing an HfO_2 dielectric layer further comprises:
crystallizing the HfO_2 layer in the low temperature plasma atmosphere including an N gas.
- 30 6. A method according to Claim 5 wherein crystallizing an HfO_2 dielectric layer further comprises:
crystallizing the HfO_2 layer in the low temperature plasma atmosphere including NH_3 gas or N_2O gas or N_2 gas or combinations thereof.
7. A method of forming a metal-insulator-metal type capacitor structure in an integrated circuit memory device, comprising:

forming a lower electrode on a substrate;
forming an HfO₂ dielectric layer on the lower electrode;
processing the HfO₂ dielectric layer in a plasma atmosphere at a temperature
in a range between about 250 degrees Centigrade and about 450 degrees Centigrade;
5 and
forming an upper electrode on the HfO₂ layer.

8. A method according to Claim 7 wherein the lower electrode is formed
of a metal nitride or a noble metal or combinations thereof.

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9. A method according to Claim 8 wherein the lower electrode is formed
of TiN or TaN or WN or Ru or Ir or Pt or combinations thereof.

10. A method according to Claim 7 wherein the HfO₂ dielectric layer is
15 formed using atomic layer deposition or chemical vapor deposition or physical vapor
deposition or metal-organic chemical vapor deposition.

11. A method according to Claim 7 wherein processing the HfO₂ layer in a
plasma atmosphere is performed using plasma of N-containing gas.

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12. A method according to Claim 11 wherein the N-containing gas
includes NH₃ or N₂O or N₂ or combinations thereof.

13. A method according to Claim 7 wherein the upper electrode is formed
25 of a metal nitride or a noble metal or combinations thereof.

14. A method according to Claim 13 wherein the upper electrode is formed
of TiN or TaN or WN or Ru or Ir or Pt, or combinations thereof.

15. A method according to Claim 7 wherein the upper electrode is formed
30 using a halogen-containing metal source or an organometallic compound source or a
combination thereof.

16. A method according to Claim 7 wherein the lower electrode has a one-cylinder-stack (OCS) structure.

17. A method according to Claim 7 wherein the plasma atmosphere is
5 maintained at a temperature in a range between about 250 degrees Centigrade and about 450 degrees Centigrade.

18. A method of forming a metal-insulator-metal type capacitor in an integrated circuit memory device, comprising:
10 forming a buried contact plug in a first interlayer dielectric layer on a substrate;
forming a silicon nitride layer and a second interlayer dielectric layer on the buried contact plug;
forming a buffer buried contact plug in the silicon nitride layer and in the
15 second interlayer dielectric layer to contact the buried contact plug;
sequentially forming a high density plasma layer, a silicon nitride layer, a protection layer, and an insulating layer on the buffer buried contact plug to form a cover layer;
removing a portion of the cover layer to form a hole to expose at least a
20 portion of the buffer buried contact plug;
forming a conductive layer in the hole and outside the hole on the insulating layer using a Cl source metal;
forming a sacrificial layer on the conductive layer inside and outside the hole;
removing a portion of the of the sacrificial layer outside the hole to expose the
25 insulating layer;
removing the insulating layer from around the conductive layer to form a lower electrode for the capacitor;
forming an amorphous HfO_2 dielectric layer on the lower electrode;
crystallizing the amorphous HfO_2 dielectric layer on the lower electrode in a
30 low temperature plasma atmosphere including NH_3 gas or N_2O gas or N_2 gas or combinations thereof in temperature range between about 350 degrees Centigrade and about 450 degrees Centigrade to provide a crystallized HfO_2 dielectric layer; and

forming an upper electrode on the crystallized HfO_2 dielectric layer using a halogen-containing metal source or an organometallic compound source or a combination thereof.